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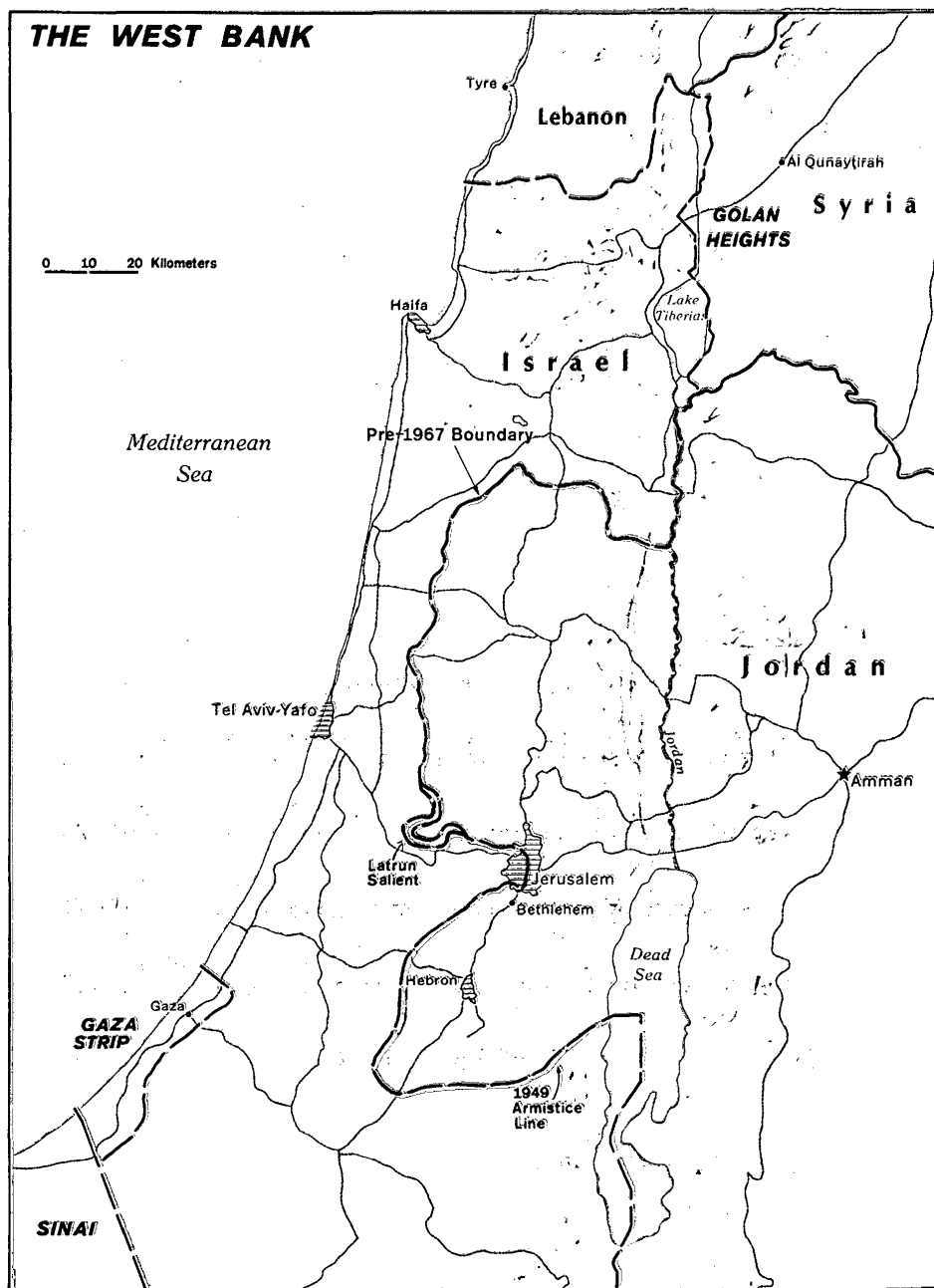
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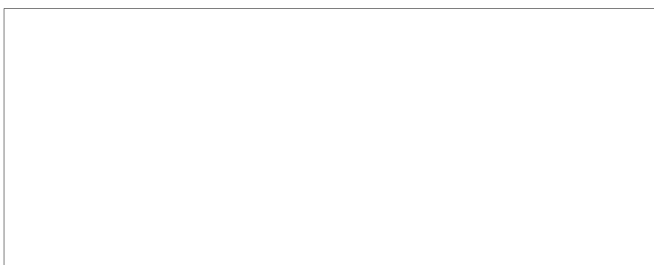


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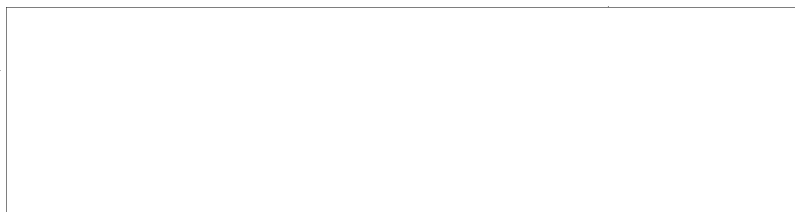
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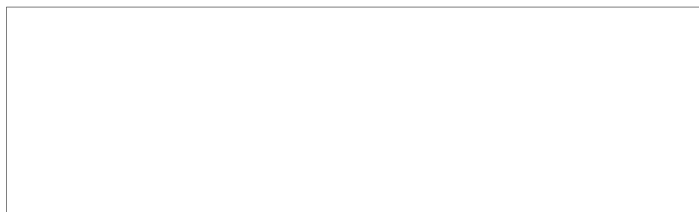
The Egyptians have come up with a compromise approach designed to give the Palestinians a limited role in negotiating a return of the territory occupied by Israel in 1967 on the West Bank of the Jordan River. Recently, the Arabs have been uncharacteristically united in insisting that Middle East negotiations focus on this issue before all others; they have, at the same time, been characteristically at odds over the question of the Palestinians' proper role in such talks.



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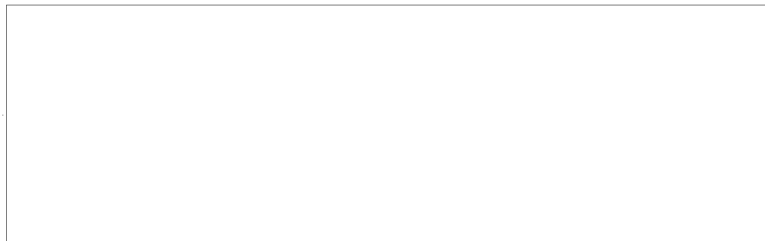
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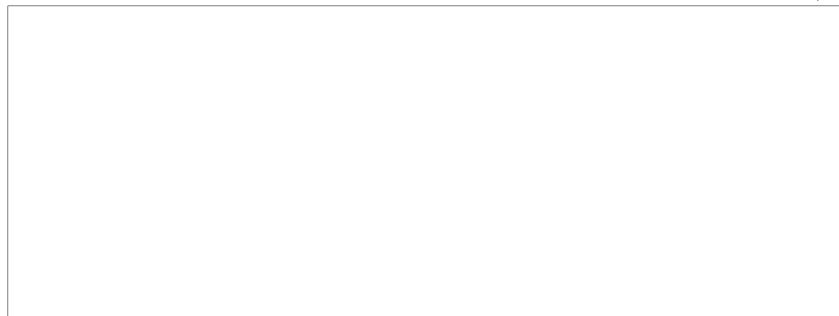


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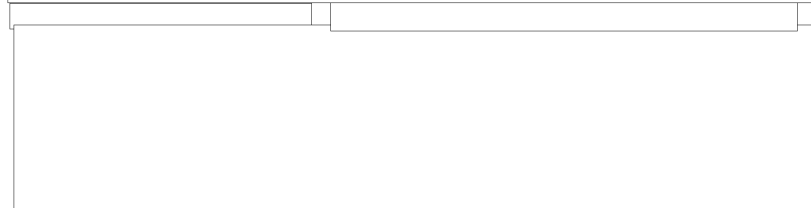


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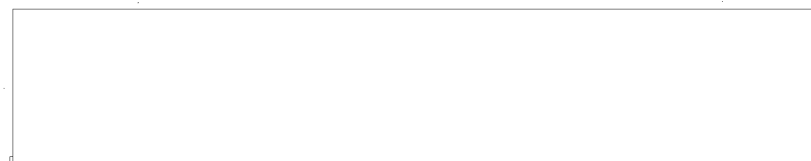
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IRAQ

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MIG-23 fighters and the SA-6 surface-to-
air missile system. The MIG-23 is the most
sophisticated aircraft in any Arab inven-
tory. Syria is the only other country to
receive this aircraft. The SA-6 missile
is highly effective against planes flying
at low and medium altitudes.*

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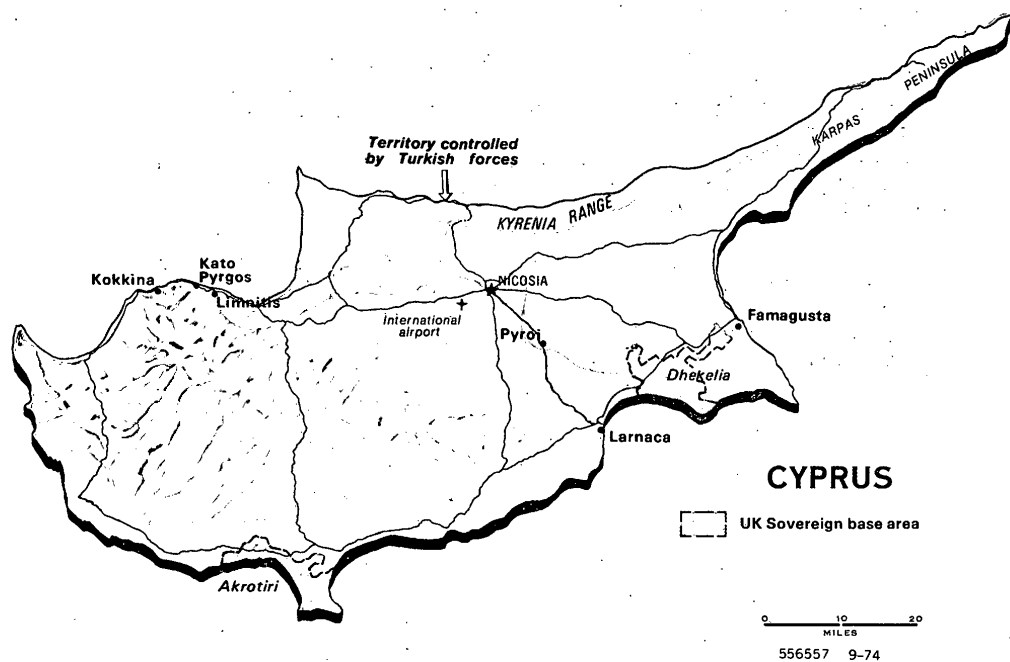
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The USSR has been particularly responsive to
Iraqi requests for modern weapons. Iraq is the only
foreign country to receive the supersonic TU-22 me-
dium bomber.



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CYPRUS

Athens has eased its terms for resuming negotiations on the Cyprus question.

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Athens' new flexibility complements that of Clerides. He and Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash reportedly agreed on Friday that the best solution would be a geographically based federal system.

Meanwhile, Turks from the mainland are establishing an administration in the northern third of the island, according to the US embassy in Nicosia. Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash's authority appears limited to Nicosia.

On the military side, the Turks have complained to the UN that Cypriot National Guard forces from Kato Pyrgos have been firing on Turkish positions west of Limnitis. The Turks are threatening to destroy Kato Pyrgos unless the firing stops. This complaint could be a pretext for a Turkish thrust to Kokkina.

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ARGENTINA

The "declaration of war" on the government issued Friday by extreme leftists of the Peronist movement is likely to provoke firm action against them. Before the declaration, the Peronist government was reluctant to move forcefully against the leftists because of their nominal Peronist allegiance.

Mario Firmenich, leader of the Montonero guerrilla organization, called for armed struggle against the government at a press conference Friday, which was held in secret. Six small labor and student groups joined Firmenich in the decision to go underground.

Firmenich claimed that the government's "repression" had forced the Montoneros to return to their earlier strategy of armed resistance. He acknowledged a personal role in the killing of former president Aramburu in May 1970 and added that the Montoneros were responsible for several recent killings, kidnappings, and bombings, which he said were carried out to signal the opening of the "popular resistance" campaign.

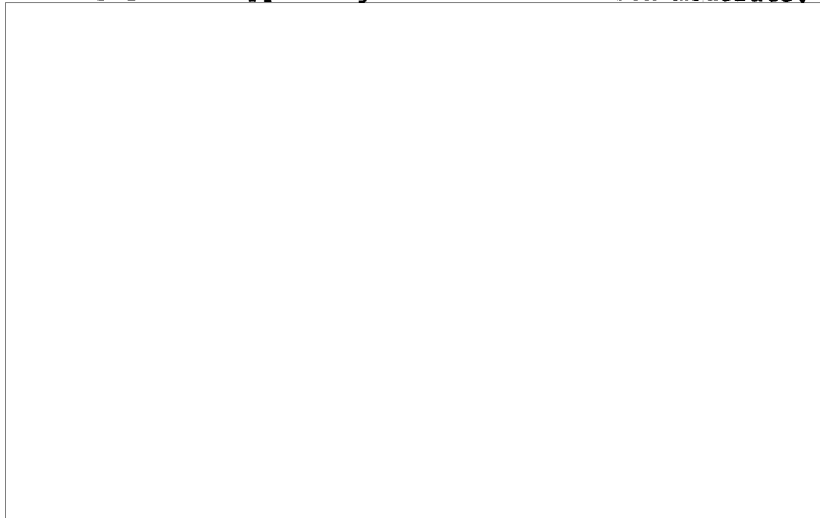
After the formal break by the Montoneros, President Maria Estela Peron met with the interior minister and military service commanders to lay plans for dealing with the guerrillas. The armed forces seem ready to take a stronger hand in the battle against terrorism. A special counterinsurgency group was recently formed within the Ministry of Defense.

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NOTES

Iran-Iraq: Tehran's reaction to the bombing by Iraqi planes Friday of two villages near Iran's main supply point supporting the Kurds has been moderate.

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